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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for a period of one year,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1038 (1996) of 15 January 1996, by which the Council authorized the United Nations military observers to continue monitoring the demilitarization of the Prevlaka peninsula,

Recalling further its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Mission,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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1/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1 and A/50/906.

2/ A/50/903/Add.1.

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. Expresses appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina in full and on time;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate the amount of 43,849,300 United States dollars gross (42,662,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996, inclusive of the amount of 14 million dollars gross (13,780,300 dollars net) authorized for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1996 under the provisions of General Assembly decision 50/481, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission in accordance with paragraph 46 of his report; 3/

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 14 million dollars gross (13,780,300 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly decision 50/481, to apportion the additional amount of 29,849,300 dollars gross (28,882,200 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition

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3/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1.

of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/451 A of 22 December 1995;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 967,100 dollars approved for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996;

9. Notes the Secretary-General's cost estimate in the amount of 158,799,600 dollars gross (150,854,700 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

10. Decides to appropriate the amount of 75,619,800 dollars gross (72,225,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996, inclusive of the amount of 1,918,300 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 12,603,300 dollars gross (12,037,600 dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 20 December 1996;

11. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,394,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".